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System glitches delay OW payments

Jenn Watt
Editor

Rod Sutherland still isn't sure exactly what led to 170 late payments to Ontario Works recipients in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes last week.

Using a new system implemented by the provincial government in November, the social services department has been tracking missed payments in addition to other payment discrepancies throughout the last month.

"We're not 100 per cent clear still what has happened," said Sutherland, the director of health and social services. "We're continuing to monitor that."

Across Ontario, similar problems have been coming up since SAMS, the Social Assistance Management System, was brought in on Nov. 11.

Money that was to be paid out on Monday, Dec. 1 accounting for a month's worth of OW benefit was delayed in some cases up until Friday, Dec. 5.

"In some cases, four or five days is a

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Nutcracker kicks off the holidays

Ballerina Rebecca Kidd, as the snow queen, is held by Julian Anderson, as the nutcracker, during the dress rehearsal for the *Nutcracker* ballet last Friday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Put on by the Heritage Ballet, the performance features a diverse mix of characters, dancers and is a visual feast from the sets to the costumes. This is an annual event of the season. **Darren Lum** Staff

The Great Haliburton Feed Co. reopens

Jenn Watt
Editor

Three weeks after their store burned to the ground in Haliburton, The Great Haliburton Feed Company's owners Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney are back at it.

With the help of newfound friend Stuart Trigell and a flood of community support, the couple has pulled together another pet supply store complete with crates for animals dropped off for adoption.

On their first day back in business, Friday, Dec. 5, the crates stood empty waiting for animals. For the last 19 years, the store has been the primary adoption location for

animals abandoned or unwanted in the village of Haliburton. McAleaney said he was anxiously awaiting the first animals brought in to make it feel more like the old feed company.

On Nov. 14, the former location on Industrial Park Road was destroyed by fire, leav-

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Fixing infractions at Highland Wood

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 4 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

A nine-day provincial inspection of the Highland Wood long-term care facility in Haliburton noted 11 non-compliances, although Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian called these infractions “relatively minor” and said 11 non-compliances out of 1,000 criteria was not bad.

Some related to skin and wound care, drug destruction and disposal and failing to report a critical incident to a director immediately.

Measures will be taken to address these areas moving forward.

Reducing ER visits

According to a report from the Canadian Institute of Health Information, one in five visits to an emergency room is avoidable, this figure increasing to one in three visits when applied to residents of long-term care homes.

“For us, it’s relevant,” said Eskedjian, noting that because of the close proximity of Highland Wood and Hyland Crest to the hospitals in Haliburton and Minden, residents are sometimes taken to the ER for care.

These decisions are generally made by nurses. “We think there’s an opportunity for improvement,” Eskedjian said.

Ready for Ebola

Despite no recorded cases in the country or the province, doctors and nurses in the county have met a Ministry of Labour directive that medical professionals be trained to deal with encounters of a person with Ebola.

Some were trained as late as Dec. 3. “They got into those suits,” Eskedjian said.

New committee popular

A new community advisory committee for HHHS attracted 60 applicants, 15 of whom were chosen to sit.

The committee will include two members of the former Community Care Haliburton County board, whose input board chairman John Kay said would be invaluable.

Details of the committee’s function will be rolled out in the new year.

Minden man charged with B.C. murders

A man charged with the murders of two British Columbia girls lived in Minden for as long as a decade, residents say.

On Dec. 1, RCMP from B.C. charged Garry Taylor Handlen, 67, with murdering Kathryn-Mary Herbert, 11, in 1975 and Monica Jack, 12, in 1978.

Local OPP confirmed that Handlen did live in the Minden area at one time, but gave no other details.

However, a canvass of the Anson Street neighbourhood revealed that many knew Handlen and saw him around Minden for the last 10 years.

A long-time resident of Anson Street, Brent Devolin confirmed to the *Echo’s* sister paper the *Minden Times* that Handlen has been living there for the past decade or so.

“I had observed him over the years, I didn’t know him personally,” said Devolin. “He’s been there off and on ... [for] more than a decade ... he’s someone you would see in the yard, because he’s a putterer.”

Devolin said he would wave to Handlen when saw him on the street but that the two never spoke.

According to the RCMP, Handlen was arrested without incident on Nov. 28 in Surrey, B.C.

Handlen has been previously convicted of rape and has served more than one prison term, according to *The National Post*.

Anyone with information on Handlen is encouraged to contact the RCMP tip line at 1-877-543-4822.

- Angelica Blenich

Yoga fundraiser Fridays in Haliburton

Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Wake up and start your day in the company of happy people, great music, fun yoga in a beautiful space and a good cup of coffee to send you on your way.

Lynda Shadbolt is leading yoga and meditation at Baked and Battered coffee shop by financial donation to the Haliburton County Food for Kids Program. Alex Bell is making coffee (for purchase) at the end of the class. Thom Lambert is donating a piece of pottery that you have the chance to win with every \$10 donation. It is guaranteed that your body will feel great and so will your heart!

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The programs require the support of more than 50 local volunteers who help to raise funds, plan, prepare and serve 3,500 breakfasts and snacks to students in our county every week. Food for Kids needs funds to keep operating. One hundred per cent of your donation will go the program.

These yoga classes take place Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m.: Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Maximum of 16 people.

Participants must register with Lynda each week (greatgreenmeadowinhalibu@gmail.com) or call 705-457-3121. Please bring your own yoga mat, water and dress in layers as we will warm up and cool down.

Feel free to arrive a few minutes early and settle in by the fire. For more information check out www.haliburtonyoga.com.

Correction

The Fuel for Warmth is no longer associated with the Minden Bible Church, as of last May it was incorporated. Please make cheques out to Fuel for Warmth Incorporated. Their new address is P.O. Box 313, Minden, Ont.



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Couple taking it one day at a time

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ing behind very little with several animals perishing inside.

McAleaney said after the fire the two of them weren't sure what they would do next. "The first three days, oh my God," McAleaney says. "For three days we didn't eat or sleep or anything."

But then they saw the concern from the community and they knew they wanted to start again.

"All of the outpouring [of support] from all around us ... how could we not reopen?" he says.

Getting back on track seemed insurmountable at first, but by taking things one day at a time they were able to put together a plan.

Adams and McAleaney thanked landlord Jerry Walker for giving them a discounted rent on the space at 33 Hops Drive in The Beer Store plaza and for helping them out in other ways. The intention is for them to move back to the same location on Industrial Park Road once the landowner Rod Thurston rebuilds, McAleaney said.

They've been building shelves, stacking feed and arranging product for the last week in the space, which is much larger than the previous feed company.

Old customers had already started to return on Friday.

"I recognize everybody," McAleaney said.

Rolf Gryciuk from Marty's Health Foods, a regular customer, came in for his weekly purchase of pigs' ears and gave Adams a gift and a hug on her first day.

Adams said she felt nervous reopening the store. "It feels more like three months than three weeks [since the fire]," she said, ringing in customers using a new machine at a makeshift counter.

The couple has been on the receiving end of much support since the fire, with a strong online contingent of well-wishers, many of whom adopted pets from the store over the years.

McAleaney guesses 5,000 pets have been through the place in 19 years.

On the feed company's Facebook page, customers have been posting photos of animals adopted and now living happy lives at new homes. The intention is to print out



The Great Haliburton Feed Company owners Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney on their first day at the new location at 33 Hops Drive in Haliburton on Dec. 5.



Customer and fellow business owner Rolf Gryciuk from Marty's Health Foods gives Maureen Adams a heartfelt hug on her first day at the new location.



The inside of the new location of The Great Haliburton Feed Company at 33 Hops Drive by The Beer Store in Haliburton on Dec. 5. The former location on Industrial Park Road burned to the ground on Nov. 14.

those photos and put them up on two large boards in the new location.

On Friday, Stuart Trigell, the adoptive parent of a kitten last winter, was helping erect one of the boards. Trigell said he and his wife picked up the kitten, which had been left at the landfill and brought to The Great Haliburton Feed Company in February or March of 2014.

A house painter by trade, Trigell came by the new location and saw there was work to be done and started helping out. He assisted in digging out a few relics of the old store from the ashes at the former location – a pot-belly stove and a hand pump – scrubbed them with a wire brush and restored them. He loaded feed and built shelves with McAleaney.

While there have been some bumps along the way – a missed order of cat litter, a debit machine not delivered on time – an incredible amount of the store has been reassembled.

The Great Haliburton Feed Company has returned to its former hours of operations and can be reached by calling 705-457-9775.

Cash for Care lottery launches

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Looking for a way to win some money and support local hospitals?

The third annual Cash for Care Lottery, a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, was launched at the Minden HHHS site on Dec. 4.

With 4,000 tickets available, contestants have a chance to win up to \$25,000, as winners' names are placed back in the barrel after each draw.

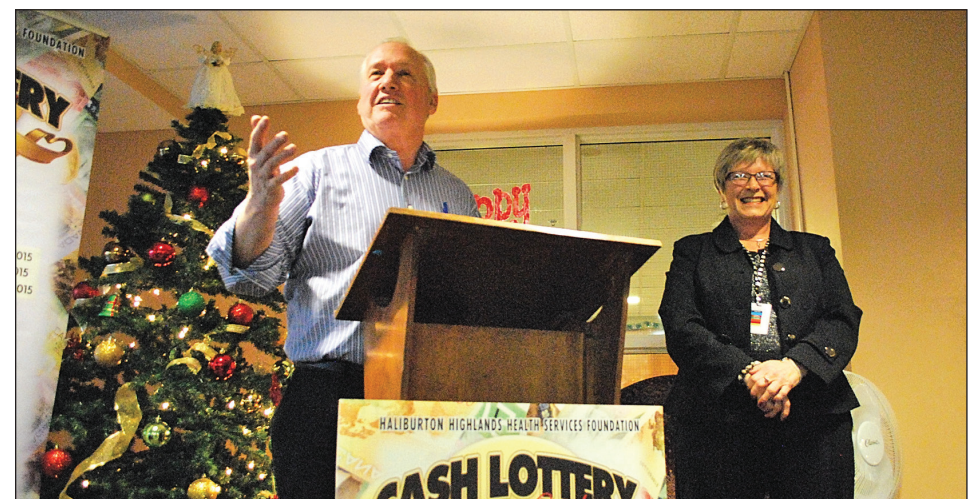
There will be three early bird draws in February, March and April respectively and

final draws for \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 prizes will be made May 22.

The foundation, which raises money for equipment purchases at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals, has raised \$660,000 of its \$900,000 for the Making Moments Matter campaign, which will build a second palliative care suits at the Haliburton site.

Tickets for the lottery are available in Minden at Dollo's Foodland, TD Canada Trust and Canadian Tire and in Haliburton at the Bank of Montreal, Todd's Independent Grocer and Haliburton Foodland.

They can also be purchased by calling 705-286-1580 or 705-457-1580.



Chad Ingram Staff

HHHSF board member Don Popple and executive director Dale Walker launched the third annual Cash for Care Lottery at the Minden HHHS site on Dec. 4.

Scott supports ATV update to provincial Highway Traffic Act



Change would allow two-ups on provincial highways

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Updating the Ontario Highway Traffic Act to be more inclusive to all types of all-terrain vehicles just makes sense, Haliburton ATV Association president Bob Johnson and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott say.

Last week Scott supported a private member's bill proposed on Dec. 2 by Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller, which calls for an update to the act that, if passed, would see more types of ATVs allowed on provincial highways.

The change is something Johnson has been championing for years, having had previous discussions with Scott on the matter.

"I think it's a very progressive route to go," said Johnson. "We need it because more two-up machines are sold than

any [machines] ... they're a little longer and a little safer on the trails. That's why we allow them on the trails."

As of right now, two-up models and side-by-side vehicles are not permitted on highways.

The proposed legislation calls for two-up models and utility task vehicles to be added to the class of permitted ATVs.

"It's a good start. I was hoping it would go a little further," said Johnson. He was hoping side-by-side models would be included, as they are becoming increasingly popular because users want to ride in pairs.

The side-by-side model is not a part of the private member's bill being proposed.

"I can see where that's a problem at the moment," he said, referring to safety concerns that exist with the machines.

Currently two-up machines are allowed on private property and trails but not paved roads.

It is Johnson's hope that if new classes of ATVs are added to the act then municipalities will follow suit.

Involved with the ATV association since its inception in 2002, Johnson has served as the president for eight (non-consecutive) years during that time.

According to Johnson, the Ministry of Transportation's definition of an ATV is a machine that is straddled, has handlebars and carries one person.

The legislation change was first proposed in the fall of

2013, as part of the PC White Paper, according to a media release issued by Miller.

"Basically it's modernizing the Ontario Highway Traffic Act so it keeps up to what is going on out there," said Scott, pointing to changes in ATV models. "It just makes sense. There's a grey area, so people buy a vehicle that can have more than one person on it ... the law is just not clear on where they can use it."

Scott believes newer models should be allowed where ATVs are currently being used and points to the industry as being significant in Haliburton County.

"The trail associations have been asking for it," said Scott, referring to the legislation changes.

The bill would simply require an update to legislation and does not need to be debated, said the MPP.

According to Scott the legislation change is favoured amongst all parties and would mean good news for communities in northern Ontario.

"We need to clear this up so that people can feel assured to use these vehicles," she said.

Johnson echoed Scott's sentiments, pointing to the impact the activity has on the community.

"The amount of tourists that the ATV club brings into Haliburton is really very good," he said. "Hopefully they spend money."

Dining in the Highlands

Molly's Bistro, a Christmas gift for us all

If the ghost of Christmas Future wanted to show Ebenezer Scrooge what Christmas ought to taste like, he would have taken him directly to Molly's Bistro Bakery on 170 Bobcaygeon Road, in Minden. And, believe me; Scrooge would have needed no further convincing.

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the lives of our customers a lot less hectic with these offerings."

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Community Builders

Gerald and Tina Hadley

Jenn Watt
Editor

This is part of a series on people in the community doing important volunteer work.

Haliburton's Gerald and Tina Hadley describe themselves as "Lions first and foremost."

Tina has been volunteering with the service club for six years and Gerald's been with them for three.

Once a month, the couple helps out with the Good Food Box, which is a program that distributes healthful, fresh food for a minimal cost across the county. Gerald does deliveries, while Tina packs the boxes.

Tina is also involved with the hospital auxiliary and Canoe FM radiothon fundraisers.

The Hadleys say that the Lions Club appealed to them because of its deep connection to the local community.

Aside from the Good Food Box, it also puts on the Santa Claus Parade with the Haliburton BIA, and assists with several programs in the county.

"We support the kids' hockey and the kids' figure skating. We bring in the kids on a bus to see *The Nutcracker*," Tina says.

"For Gerald and I we saw what was happening in our community and that's what attracted us."

Interested in finding out more about the Haliburton and District Lions Club? Give David Mills a call at 457-1354.



Jenn Watt Staff

Gerald and Tina Hadley volunteer with local Lions Club. They say seeing the difference their efforts make motivates them.

Community delights in The Nutcracker

Photos by Darren Lum



Steven Kauffeldt performs during the dress rehearsal for *The Nutcracker*. Put on by the Heritage Ballet, the performance features a diverse mix of characters, dancers and is a visual feast from the sets to the costumes. This is an annual event of the season.



Ballerina Kendall Harrison leaps through the air during the dress rehearsal for *The Nutcracker* ballet last Friday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.



Rick Lowes, announcer with Moose FM, left, and Steve Galea, a columnist for the *Haliburton Echo* newspaper, both as mice salute the audience during the dress rehearsal for *The Nutcracker* ballet last Friday.



Ballerina Brynn Meyers sails through the air during the dress rehearsal for *The Nutcracker* ballet.

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Community builders

GLITTERING snowflakes, leaping unicorns and twirling poinsettias took over the stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion last weekend for *The Nutcracker* – a tradition that signals the beginning of the Christmas season in the Highlands.

Kids, their family members and gung-ho community members entertained audiences during three performances of the magical tale of a girl and her toy nutcracker in 1920s Russia.

One couldn't help but marvel at the end of the show as the stage filled up with ever more dancers and performers who had worked so hard to learn the choreography and develop their stage personas over the last months.

Crack open the program, however, and you'd see even more names beyond those represented on the stage at the end of the evening.

Those are the people working the lights, adjusting the tutus and creating the sets. Just as important as those on the stage are those behind, quietly ensuring everything goes as planned.

This week, the *Echo* is starting a series of articles on those behind-the-scenes volunteers called Community Builders. In this feature, we are talking to the people who help create the foundation that we build our community upon.

We start with Tina and Gerald Hadley, volunteers with the Haliburton Lions Club. Coincidentally, the Lions Club has a hand in *The Nutcracker*. It provides the funds to bus

students from Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools to Haliburton to watch the dress rehearsal of the performance every year.

Asked why they chose the Lions, Tina said the couple likes to see the results of their work played out in front of them in the community.

Quietly, many people work hard every day of every year in this county to make things happen.

Truly, the Haliburton Highlands wouldn't be a place worth living without these people.

Community Builders do everything from creating fun events for us to attend to providing necessary medical equipment and dental care that we couldn't afford without them.

They pay for the fireworks we watch in the

summer and for the winter festivals that keep us going on the cold February days.

They provide care for us when we are in greatest need and they organize music and theatre and awards presentations and so much more connecting us to one another.

Community Builders don't do it for the praise or for the attention – in fact, most of them get very little attention at all.

Like those backstage volunteers in *The Nutcracker*, they are people wholly motivated by the common good.

The best thing about community building is that there is always room for more help. Over the next few months, we'll be highlighting people who do great things for the Highlands with information about how you can join them.



Jenn Watt
Editor



end of a season

by Darren Lum

Benefits of shopping locally

IT WAS A WINTER wonderland Friday evening, Nov. 21 in Haliburton Village. The BIA would like to thank everyone who came out, who supported and who gave so willingly of their time and efforts to make our Christmas tree lighting and carol singing, the Santa Claus Parade and Winter Warm Up such enjoyable and memorable traditions.

For many of us December is a month of wonder. We delight in the expectations of young children and share stories of our “family plans”: who is coming up and who is going down.

Our connections to the city, be they children who are coming home, grandparents going down or extended family and friends coming to visit, are the source of conversations and preparations. There really is no better place for the holidays than our very own Haliburton Highlands.

Christmas at my house will be on Dec. 28 with all 17 of us together for all the usual Christmas festivities and, when you are celebrating in Haliburton, you can count on skiing and snowboarding, skating on the lake, tobogganing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and even dog sledding. My crew is already booking a day at the ski hill and we hope our lake is frozen and ready for the family skate and hockey game!

And then there is music led by our resident family guitar players and evenings complete with the warmth of laughter and the wood fire. It all comes together with craziness. Yes, I did say craziness.

With my four children and eight grandchildren between the ages of two and 11, this is a given!

And, along with all the fun and outings, the Christmas holiday is not complete without that “shopping trip” to

Haliburton Village. We're all in for the after Christmas sales and “Who's going to town? We need...”

Of course, I am already shopping locally and I hope you are too. When I shop where my heart is, I feel good about the small part I am playing in keeping my village going and growing and, as I tend to go a little overboard at Christmas, it helps me to rationalize being over my budget.

This is just as well as I still have more shopping to do!

The BIA Buy In And Win Contest is going strong. Every purchase you make at a BIA business entitles you to enter to win an all-inclusive vacation for two to Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba where you will stay at the Eurostars Cayo Santa Maria Resort or, if you prefer, you may choose the cash

prize of \$1,000.

The draw for the lucky winner will be live on Moose FM on Friday, Dec. 19 at 12:15 p.m. after the noon news.

Don't forget to ask for a ballot! While you're strolling the village, dining in our restaurants and shopping in our stores, you will see that many BIA businesses are involved in Christmas charity projects such as the Home Builders Association Christmas Toy Drive; the Teen Gift Drive at Head Lake Grill; the Bargain Shop Toy Drive for Point in Time; and, the special Christmas dinner at McKecks.

These are just a few of the many ways BIA members make a difference in our community.

One last thank you and Christmas wish. Thank you the Haliburton Village BIA executive who volunteer their time, efforts and care to make our village a dynamic and great place to be and who allow me the privilege of being part of it all. Sending each of you my Christmas wish of good thoughts and happy times this holiday season. Merry Christmas!



Gail Stelter
BIA in the Village



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Reviewing The Nutcracker

IT'S NOT OFTEN that someone who is a legend in the theatre is able to provide a totally impartial, yet insightful and definitive review of the show he single-handedly carried.

But having brought down the house as Mouse No. 2 in this weekend's four *Nutcracker* performances, I feel completely qualified to provide said review.

The Nutcracker, as we all know, is an epic production that makes us forget our own lives for an hour or two so that we may focus on man's inhumanity to mice. As someone who elevated the starring role of Mouse No. 2, I know this only too well.

All you need do is watch one of the opening scenes where humans use a broom to sweep a hapless mouse off the stage to see where we are going with this.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

Then later on, as if to punctuate the point, the Mouse King is killed and the *Nutcracker's* army is called out to suppress a small group of freedom-loving mice.

All this sets the stage so that the audience truly understands the plight of, not so much Mouse No. 1, as that of the heroic Mouse No. 2.

But enough about the strength of the play. The play was also populated with very cute, perhaps even gifted, children dressed as snowflakes, poinsettias, chickens and the like, as well as lovely and talented young ballerinas and unicorns dancing about the stage.

Each was doing his or her best to upstage hardworking actors in mouse garb. Something that even casual observers could see was not in the least bit fair.

But this was, once again, only a clever theatrical ruse to draw attention to the disparity between these brilliant performers and Mouse No. 1 as well as audience favourite, the inimitable Mouse No. 2.

Speaking of mice, Moose FM radio personality Rick Lowes did a passable job as Mouse No. 1, taking daring risks in the first performance.

So convincing was he that many people – his wife included – actually believed he forgot to put on his mouse mask and that I, in a fit of blinding stage fright, didn't even notice the whole time I played opposite him.

But those who are aware of our professionalism know that Rick, wearing the mouse mask around his neck for the whole time we were on stage, was utilizing an intentional dramatic ploy designed to make the audience understand there is a human face behind every mouse.

Kudos must be given to me, for acting so convincingly oblivious.

I would be remiss in the review if I did not give credit to the makeup crew who handed us Mickey Mouse ears and rubber mouse masks. For once we put these on, the illusion was complete. We could have fooled most cats.

I think it is also time in this review to address the gnawing question of why I was given the all-encompassing role of Mouse No. 2. Creative director Julie Barban can take full credit for this bit of casting brilliance. For Julie knew that just as the early bird gets the worm, the second mouse at the trap gets the cheese.

Rick, she rightly knew, was quite expendable; hence my starring role as Mouse No. 2.

Was the lighting perfect? I won't complain although I'm certain I heard several audience members wonder why a spotlight wasn't on me at all times – apparently, even when I was off in the wings.

To that, however, I say *au contraire*. For if there was any true brilliance of casting Rick and I in these crucial roles, it lies in the fact that the director bravely went with the old adage "sometimes less is more."

A few minutes of Rick and I creating our own brand of "magic" on the stage – my words, not yours – was more than enough to make people shake their heads in wonder.

Was the play a success? It was, in a word, a mousterpiece.

Please read my column next week, when I will do an impartial review of my book.

letters to the editor

Village Donuts owner thanks community for support

To the Editor,

Early in life I was taught that it is important to give credit where credit is due. As an employer and business owner the realization of the truth in this lesson became clear.

After closing the shop I had time to think about all of the happenings in the past few months and need to again give credit and express how grateful I truly am.

Angelica and Mark, staff reporters from The Haliburton County Echo and The Highlander, your articles in response to Village Court Donuts closing were perfect.

Thank you for your accuracy and truth as well as your time.

Hugh, I could not be dealing with the business closure without your continued support and guidance.

To the donut shop staff: please realize I could not have done it without you and wish you all the best in any future endeavours.

Carl, I am thankful for your kind words, advice and the Facebook post, which was responsible for a big part of the generosity and flood of love, kindness and support that helped me through what proved to be a very hard week.

Adam, Ryan and Johnny, the clean out of the restaurant would have been impossible without your help, I am very thankful for all of your time and efforts.

Jim and Bernice, you are my angels! To my parents, thank you and I love you. I couldn't have done any of it without you.

Lastly, once again thank you to each and every customer who showed me their support over the years. You have become the best friends and family anyone could ever ask for. In the weeks prior to the close whether through moral support, expression of understanding or pure generosity, the love I received will have impact on me for the rest of my life.

Thank you,

Shannon Cole

Highlands East more than just Wilberforce

To the Editor,

Elated isn't the word I would use when reading the *Echo* article the Food Centre is to be located in Wilberforce. Does anyone have any idea as to the cost to build a walk in refrigerator and freezer and hydro costs to keep them functioning daily? I certainly do! Does anyone know the cost of a generator, and insulation required – I certainly do!

What is wrong with an energy efficient chest freezer and refrigerator? The funding is just a tip of the iceberg and who is going to pay for ongoing costs – I certainly do not want to. This facility will be an addition to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre so how are taxpayers going to know what the exact cost is going to be to run this facility? Will it have its own hydro meter?

Most people in Gooderham who use food banks go to Haliburton. Project co-ordinator John Teljeur made reference this project would create a

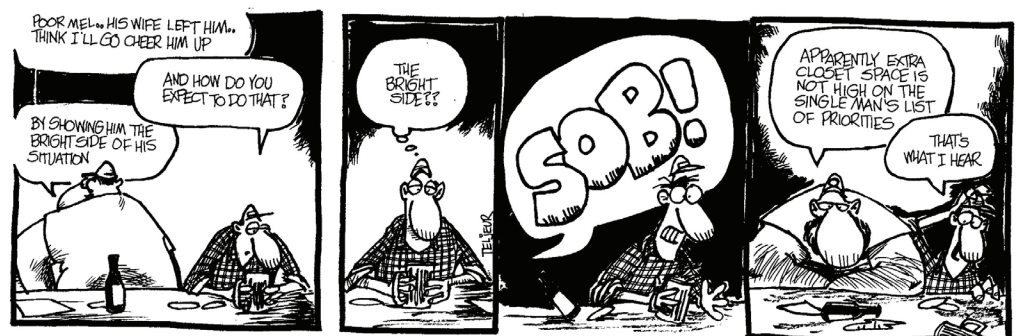
food hub in the hamlet. How nice for Wilberforce however Highlands East is made up of more than the hamlet of Wilberforce. How nice of Burton to reference getting the "community" involved and get them to help him.

Does it sound like sour grapes on my part? Perhaps. However other wards within Highlands East and the councillors who represent them seem to direct their attention to benefiting Wilberforce at the sacrifice of other wards, that can't get even simple requests undertaken.

In the ivory municipal tower, council decides who gets what and this system will continue for another four years. I am sure people in Wilberforce will condone my comments. I am not mocking those who need food banks as desperate times mean desperate measures.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

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points of view

Anje Bruch Hilkers

My husband, Rob, and I went to the Netherlands for a vacation. We arrived at Schiphol airport, where I went to the washroom and I knew I was back in Holland when I felt the toilet paper. Not as soft as the Canadian paper, but strong and efficient. And the sheets are longer.

I remember the toilet paper sheets were longer here in Canada too. Just after the change, there was a CBC *Marketplace* episode, where they measured the length of a new toilet roll and an old roll and showed the big

Have you noticed?

difference. The price had stayed the same.

Well before this, in order to save packaging, they started making double rolls. A good idea, the rolls lasted twice as long. Now the rolls are smaller, is that progress? I don't think so. But someone is making more money.

Have you noticed the cheese bars are smaller? It started several months ago, they have been 500g for a long time. One brand went to 460g and even 400g. Then the other major brand did the same and the store brands followed. The price did not go down. Again, more packaging per volume.

I talked to a grocery store employee. He showed me a new and improved frankfurter package, from six to four sausages. He was told it was because the size accommodates the hotdog buns better. Only it does not work better, because the buns come in packages of six, he said laughingly. Again, the price did not go down.

There is bacon in packages of 500g and packages of 375g, so pay attention. One brand now proudly advertises on the package: still 500g!

In the Netherlands, where I grew up, there is a cap on how much a price can go up, unless it has to do with rising manufacturing costs. When a company changed the sanitary napkins from 20 to 16 in a package without adjusting the price, women pointed out this was an illegal price raise and the company had to change back to 20 napkins per package.

Have you noticed that years ago the frozen vegeta-

bles from the big green guy went from one kilogram to 750g? More waste in packaging. In this case there are still alternatives from other brands of 1 kilogram packages and even bigger.

Lately, in a grocery flyer, they had 750ml chocolate milk on sale for 99 cents. How about having a litre on sale for \$1.32? Why produce a whole new size package, just for the sale? Or is 750ml the new litre?

Does it matter? Would I be happier if I did not notice?

What I do know is that the next time I visit Holland, I will bring toilet paper back with me. I am looking forward to opening a suitcase filled with toilet paper at the customs and wonder what they are thinking about this strange woman.

Gratitude for comfort and warmth

Gerald Irish

A Senior's Moment

Today, the third of December, we were presented with a reminder of nature's wrath when for over an hour we watched the snow blow across the lake and block out almost everything within our view. What a reminder to all of us of the strength held by natural forces over which man has no control.

For this brief period of time, my wife and I looked through our windows and glass doors and watched the show of power. As we watched, we spoke of how fortunate we were to be wrapped in the warmth and security of our home. I then began to think of those less fortunate. Those who would have to ride out the storm in any shelter they could find.

I looked around our cozy residence. Turned up the thermostat. Opened a soft drink. Turned the lights on our already decorated Christmas tree. Sat my wide behind in my comfortable rocking chair and gave thanks for what we, at our ages, had. I also felt truly grateful that our friends, relatives and family were warm and safe.

It is my wish that some day we may all be able to experience that wonderful, comfortable, contented feeling. We, as seniors, deserve these things merely for surviving this long. All peoples deserve these things.

When the next blizzard assails us, give thanks for our own happy way of life and give some thought to those who may not be as fortunate as we. Can each of us help someone else in some small way? Think about it. Any help in any way. Not just at this time of year, but any time.



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No injuries in Hwy 118 car fire

Jenn Watt
Editor

When Bob Johnson saw smoke billowing out from under the hood of his vehicle, nestled up against his home on Highway 118 east of Haliburton, he decided to take his chances and move it to the end of his driveway away from his home.

The strategy ended up working, as the car was fully engulfed in flames soon after, cre-

ating a cloud of smoke that could be seen several kilometres away.

Dysart firefighters responded to the call in the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 4. Once they'd arrived, the fire was quickly brought under control, Johnson said.

The car had been parked close to the house to keep the snow off the night before. Johnson started it to warm it up before leaving Thursday afternoon and initially saw smoke, but thought it was steam rising on the cold day.

Once he realized it was smoke, he didn't open the hood, but drove it a short distance away from his home, called the fire department and got a fire extinguisher.

The car couldn't be saved, but there was no other property damage and no injuries.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said the fire started in the heater and was likely electrical.

Johnson blames squirrels, which have been hiding all sorts of flammable items such as pinecones under the hood of late.



Jenn Watt Staff

Dysart et al firefighters survey what is left of Bob Johnson's vehicle following a fire Thursday, Dec. 4.

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This is the 19th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 19th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

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Craig Lagace took this photo of an owl on Nov. 28 near Denna Lake, Minden.



"We had this lovely deer in our yard the other day amidst a few snow flurries falling," writes Janice Hardy.

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Tuesday December 23
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 at St. George's
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Many residents took advantage of free skating during the Haliburton Rotary Club's Community Christmas and Skating Party on Dec. 5.

Carl Dixon, with some help from Michelle McTeague on tambourine, provides some Christmas tunes for attendees of the Haliburton Rotary Club's Christmas bash on Dec. 5.



Skating, Santa and songs

Photos by Chad Ingram



Chloe Billings and Trinity Walker chow down on some pizza at the Haliburton Rotary Club's Community Christmas and Skating Party at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Dec. 5. The night included skating, snacks, entertainment and crafts.

Ministry says it's addressing problem with payment delays

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very long time, if this is the sole source of income," Sutherland said. "Especially dealing with a lot of vulnerable people ... this is their only source of funding for their basic needs: food, shelter."

His department was able to arrange for food vouchers for some clients and spent time on the phone with landlords who were demanding their rent payments.

Sutherland said he doesn't know how many of the 170 cases were Haliburton County residents, but said it was likely in

proportion to the caseload in the county - 16 to 18 per cent.

The City of Kawartha Lakes handles social services for Haliburton County and has approximately 1,600 cases right now.

Sutherland met with the Ministry of Community and Social Services assistant deputy minister responsible for social assistance on Dec. 3, a press release from CKL says. "The ministry ... has assured the city that they are working to address the problems with the system."

The next scheduled OW payment is Dec. 23.

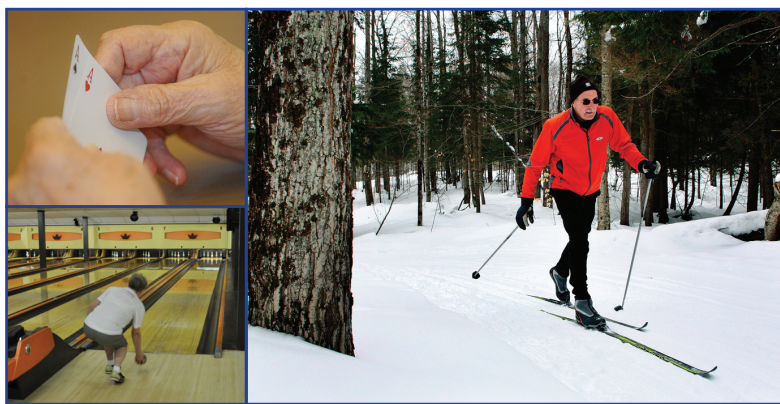


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JUNE 29 - JULY 3 | JULY 6-9 @ 8pm



One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest *by Dale Wasserman*

Randle McMurphy is the newest patient at a mental facility. We quickly learn McMurphy isn't actually crazy, but a charming, funny rebel who pretends to be insane in order to serve out his prison sentence at the asylum instead of hard labour at a work farm. When he meets the cold and controlling Nurse Ratched, whom he immediately clashes with, he quickly learns his plan was a mistake. His outrageous actions change the conditions for the better, until he faces the ultimate showdown with Ratched in a heartbreaking ending that is both powerful and uplifting. A hilarious and poignant play. JULY 13-17, 22-24 @ 8pm



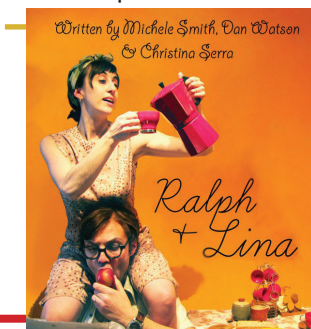
Wingfield Lost And Found *by Dan Needles, starring Rod Beattie | Directed by Douglas Beattie*

In the midst of a record drought, wells on the Seventh Line are drying up. A search to locate a new well on Wingfield Farm ensues, but distractions abound: a high-tech cattle drive, a battle with yellow jackets, a feud with a red-tailed hawk, an eccentric line-up of water witches and a well driller who is only too happy to perforate the ground at forty dollars a foot. More than an environmental comedy, *Wingfield Lost and Found* is a whimsical reminder that searching can turn up more than what is lost and teach us the value of more than what is found. JULY 19-21 @ 8pm

Nunsensations! *by Dan Goggin*

The Nunsense Vegas Revue takes the Little Sisters of Hoboken on a brand new adventure. When a parishioner volunteers to donate \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas', Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever. 'Nunsensations!' is a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on!

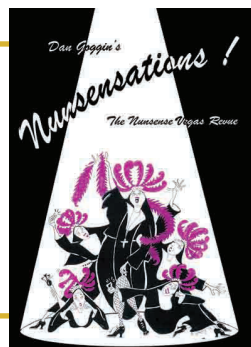
JULY 27-3 | AUGUST 5-7 @ 8pm



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Santa visits auxiliary Christmas open house

Santa Claus made an appearance at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Open House on Dec. 7. Free photos with Santa were provided courtesy of Tim Tofflemire and Luke Schell. The event included the sale of baked goods and a draw for a wheelbarrow of wine. Chad Ingram Staff



Cleve Roberts of Emmerson Lumber helps Jane Jaycock draw the winner of a wheelbarrow full of wine. The draw raised some \$4,500 for the hospital. The winner was Lipsy Lake cottager Peter Wilcox.



Breakfast with Santa

Top, the bacon and eggs came with a side of science at the Breakfast with Santa event at Camp Wanakita on Dec. 6. Above right, Tony the Tiger made sure Breakfast with Santa was complete. Above left, Breakfast with Santa wouldn't be complete without a visit from the man himself. Photos by Chad Ingram



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Sports

Wildcats win war of attrition

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Last Wednesday was a day of war. It's not usually how a high school basketball game plays out, but it's an appropriate description of what transpired between the senior boys' Red Hawks basketball team and the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats.

Hawks coach Dave Waito didn't quite share the same hyperbole sentiment, simply calling the game a "grind."

"You don't see senior games 12-10 at the half," he said. No doubt about the physical toll for both teams after the game, as players put it all out there, with nary an uncontested shot or drive, jostling for position down low, swinging the ball from side to side, stutter-stepping and juking at full speed in and out of the key, and sprinting the length of the floor.

When it came right down to it though the main factor in the 32-21 loss was poor free-throw shooting, particularly down the stretch, Waito said.

"We shot 34 per cent from the line [for the game]. There were lots of opportunities to put them up there so we got to work on that and make sure we're taking care of the things we can control," he said.

The Hawks could only shoot 21 per cent (three of 14 attempts) compared to the Wildcats' 80 per cent (eight of 10 attempts) from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. This statistic alone equates to five points, which could have changed the entire make up of the last frame.

When the offence isn't there, Waito said, that's when the defence needs to carry the team.

"We're going to have these grinds some nights and some times, you know, if we're having trouble putting points on the board we just have to step up on the defensive end," he said.

Fresh from a win against the Brock Bulldogs of Cannington, the Hawks started well against the Wildcats, who entered play with a loss to the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

It was 6-3 for the Hawks with 2:16 left in the first.

The Wildcats coach called a time out and it seemed to calm her team that was starting to get frustrated, taking bad fouls against the Hawks. They tied it up minutes later 6-6.

Both teams didn't allow easy looks or allow for many open lanes.

Early in the second the Hawks regained their lead 8-6, but the Wildcats tied it up again seconds later.

With a little more than two minutes left in the second quarter, the Hawks couldn't box out on the defensive end, leaving the Wildcats with repeated attempts at the bucket, scoring on the third to give the squad from Lindsay their first lead 10-8, which they wouldn't relinquish.

Only down by a bucket at the half, the Hawks committed three consecutive fouls, leading to six free-throw attempts for the Wildcats, who could only score on two of them.

The free throw line (albeit not very successful for the Wildcats) attempts seemed to disrupt the flow of the game for the Hawks.

Despite Haliburton showing glimmer of life with better ball movement and strong offensive drives the deficit grew to six (18-12).

Seconds left in the third quarter, a full out sprint and layup to score from Hawks guard Angus Sullivan not only



Red Hawks player Cody Bain, who finished with two points, drives past an I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats player during the 32-21 loss last Wednesday at home. The Hawks drop to 1-2 while the Wildcats improve to 2-1.
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Red Hawks players Nick Thompson, far left, and Hunter Smith, white, jump for a rebound against I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats defenders.

narrowed the deficit to four (20-16), but reignited the crowd.

The renewed energy wasn't enough.

The Wildcats pulled away and finished the game with a 12 -5 run, playing tough until the buzzer.

For the second half the Wildcats didn't give anything away, fouling and using zone coverage. To counteract the coverage, the Hawks swung the ball around. Waito expects to see this type of defence again.

The Hawks switched things up on the defensive end, employing a press for the first time.

"I think it was effective. It was the first time we showed that. Got a couple of steals, caused a couple of turnovers and I think that's something that we're going to look to for sure to get some points on the board and to keep [opposition] off," he said.

Waito continues to tell his team about the three main ingredients to success: turnovers, rebounds and attacking the inside.

With 23 turnovers, Waito said, the team will continue to reduce that number.

The team continues to drive inside for points and the rebound game was better than the last game against the Brock Bulldogs.

The Hawks (1-2) can look forward to rematch in the New Year, he said.

"It's a good match up. It should be close games every time we see them," he said.

They will play the Wildcats (2-1) again in league play and possibly at a tournament, Waito adds.

The Hawks forward Hunter Smith and guard Angus Sullivan led the team with five points while post player Nick Thompson added four points.

The Wildcats player Theo Keypers led all players with 10 points.

The team will host Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons tomorrow.



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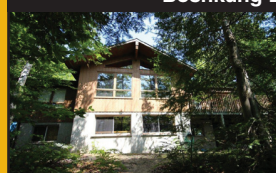
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Red Hawks junior point guard Nick Placido looks for a teammate against the I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats during the 31-22 loss last Wednesday at home.
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Red Hawks junior forward Izac Reid holds the ball against I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats defenders during the 31-22 loss last Wednesday at home. The Hawks drop to 1-2 while the Wildcats improve to 3-1 (as of Friday, Dec. 5).
Darren Lum Staff



Overtime heroics for Hawks

Judi Paul
Special to the Echo

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Nov. 28.

Jr ballers

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team played some inspired ball at a weekend tournament the last week of November in Bracebridge. After an initial loss to Huntsville, the team bounced back in the second game

with a 38-35 overtime win against TASS on a three-pointer from Nick Placido. In the final game, the team played strongly but lost to I.E. Weldon by a 34-21 score. Top scorers for the tourney were Izac Reid with 24 points, Sam Longo with 16 points, and Collin Martin and Shane O'Reilly with 10 points each.

Days later the team put up a solid effort against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats. After a slow first half, the boys pulled together in the fourth quarter to put a scare into the Wildcats, but

fell short losing 31-22. O'Reilly was the Hawks' top scorer with seven points.

Lady Hawks hockey

The girls' Red Hawks hockey team hosted the St. Pete's Saints at the Haliburton arena last Tuesday. An action-packed battle saw the teams see-saw to a 2-2 tie after two periods. St. Pete's capitalized on a few bounces and breaks in the third period to steal the game 4-2.

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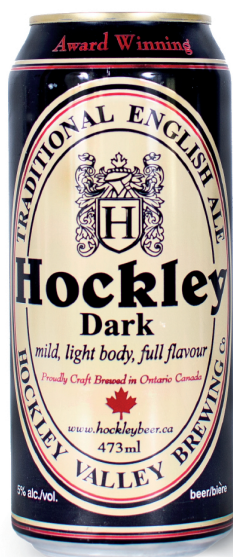
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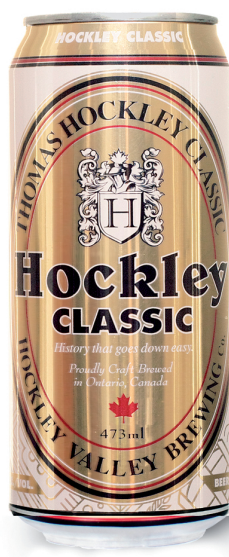
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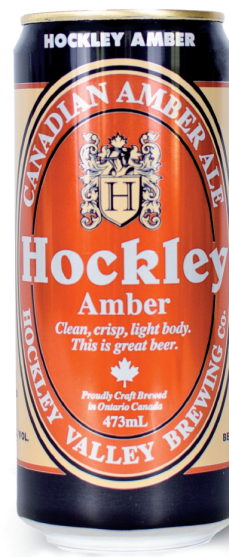
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Ten wrestlers bring home medals from tournament

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the event.

For many wrestlers this was the first look at the competition in the Kawartha region. HHSS wrestlers performed reasonably well, with more than one third of the team ranking among the top three in various weight classes.

Matt Pheaton led the senior male squad by capturing gold in the 57.5 kg division. Pheaton dominated his final match with several solid leg attacks that could not be stopped. In the junior division, Greg Crofts (83 kg) and Lucas Bortolussi (51 kg) also went undefeated to bring home gold.

Leading the women's team were Grade 10 students Carmen Galea (61 kg) and Rebecca Hamilton (51 kg). Both

Galea and Hamilton wrestled well to reach the finals, but lost close matches to earn silver medals.

Results

Gold medalists: Matt Pheaton, Lucas Bortolussi and Greg Crofts.

Silver medalists: Rebecca Hamilton and Carmen Galea.

Bronze medalists: Matt Sexsmith, Claire Karaguesian, Keagan Gillam, Matt Manning and AJ Gillam.

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Submitted by Paul Klose

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highland storm hockey

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Sponsored by the Peppermill Steakhouse and Restaurant, located just south of Carnarvon on Hwy 35, the Highland Storm Peewee AE hosted the annual Silverstick Tournament in Minden this past weekend. Unfortunately, the squad had a tough go and failed to get a win in the three games they played but all of the kids kept their heads held high and displayed great sportsmanship when faced with this disappointing adversity.

You've got to hand it to this team for continuing to show up and play hard game in and game out, despite the losses.

There were some bright spots; Jaylin Frost continued to develop her defensive skills, learning a difficult position very quickly and showing that she has the qualities to develop into a solid defensive presence. "Shake and Bake" Jake Sisson was the star of the tournament for the Storm, scoring two goals over the three games and goalie Nate Misco showed that he can flash the leather with the best of them.

Thanks go to all of the parents who volunteered their time to make this a fantastically well-run tournament, team manager, Jenni Sisson for keeping everything organized and Bill Newhook for being the tournament convenor.

The coaching staff of James Baldry, Jeff Martin, Jamie Walker and yours truly, appreciates the patience and support our parents continue to display week after week. The season may not be what everyone had hoped for as far as wins and losses are concerned, but the lessons learned by these great kids may end up being much more valuable in the end.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Bantam A stays strong

The Storm took the Bracebridge Bears 6-4 in Haliburton last Friday. Although missing a few key players, the Storm held strong. Hats off to captain Cooper in this game. First one came when the Storm manoeuvred into the Bracebridge zone, a pass from Lucas Haedicke to Cooper and he found the open corner. Next was during a power play, passes from O'Neill to Lucas Haedicke onto the stick of Cooper and he snapped it in, ending the first period 2-0.

Next goal came halfway through the second from a high slap-shot by Jacob Haedicke that stunned the goalie, assisted

by Cooper and Lucas Haedicke. The Storm continued to pressure the Bears. O'Neill closed in and passed it to Manning, his sharp eye found Cooper open and ready to complete his hat-trick, ending the second 4-1.

Early in the third, Manning was in the right place to capture a rebound goal that came from a shot by Jacob Haedicke. Then Patterson-Smith did his magic, deked through and snapped it in. The Bears turned it up a notch late in the third and surprised the Storm with some goals, closing the gap but it wasn't enough, it ended, 6-4 for the Storm.

It was a nice 2-0 shutout win for the Storm against the Oro Thunder on Saturday. An entertaining game with lots of back and forth action. Scoring began with a surprise gift goal, a shot by Cooper from centre deflected in.

Late in the second, Patterson-Smith push passed their defence and found the opening. Awesome game to all the boys, special mention to Bellefleur who earned the shutout.

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Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Girls win over Lynx 5-0

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx on Sunday, Dec. 7 in an afternoon contest to secure first place in their eastern loop. The Storm girls were short-staffed for their 14th game (two-thirds of the way through their season) as they took on the young Lynx squad. Alicia McLean opened the scoring (the first of two – and eventual game winner) with a bank shot from behind the net off the Lindsay tender midway through the first period.

The Storm added three more tallies in the second period with goals by McLean, Kelsey Maracle and Maddie Allore – who also chipped in with a hat-trick of helpers. Erin Little rounded out the scoring in the third period with a nice wrister in the 5-0 win. Connor Marsden earned her fifth shut-out of the season securing first place for the Storm squad. Great team effort, girls!

Keep the focus, girls, as we head into the winter break with a road game to Ennismore next week and then to Peterborough in the New Year on Saturday night, Jan. 3 to take on the second place Ice Kats for a battle to maintain first place bragging rights. Next home is Sunday, Jan. 4 at 1:30 in Haliburton hosting the fourth place Keene Wolverines.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



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An invitation to residents of Haliburton County and surrounding area, to come to our clinic at 7217 Gelert Road, 1st Floor family health team suite, and sign up with one of five physicians taking new patients. Residents who have been on the wait list are also invited to attend and sign up!

WHAT: Please bring your valid Ontario Health Card

WHERE: 7217 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON 1st Floor in the Family Health Team Suite

WHEN: Starting the week of December 1, 2014, Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

WHO: All residents without a local primary healthcare provider (parents or guardians may sign for children under the age of 16, but we still need their Health Card information. Children 16 and over must sign themselves)

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First flu case confirmed



Health unit providing free immunization Dec. 10 by appointment

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is reporting the first lab-confirmed case of influenza for the 2014-15 flu season in its area, which includes the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County and Haliburton County.

"Flu season is officially here, so we encourage local residents to take precautions and protect themselves and their loved ones from becoming sick," says Linda McCarey, the director of communicable disease control with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Reducing the risk of becoming sick from influenza is especially important at this time of year when we come together with family and friends to celebrate the holidays."

People can still get their flu shot at one of two immunization clinics being held by the health unit: Dec. 10 in Haliburton and Dec. 16 in Port Hope. These clinics are by appointment only and people can call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 for more information or to book an appointment. People can also check with their health care provider about getting a flu shot for anyone six months of age and older. Many pharmacies in the area are also providing flu shots to everyone five years of age and older, and a list of participating pharmacies can be found on the health unit's website at www.hkpr.on.ca.

Given that flu cases have been reported throughout the province, McCarey says this confirmed case is not a surprise. "Typically we see influenza cases around this time of year, and we expect to see more cases in the coming days and weeks," she says. It's also important to note that someone who is vaccinated may still become ill with influenza, but the vaccine will reduce the severity of the illness, McCarey says.

As of Nov. 22, Public Health Ontario reports there have been 137 lab-confirmed influenza cases reported in Ontario. In a given year, the Ontario Ministry of Health and

Long-Term Care estimates seasonal influenza can result in up to 1,000 hospitalizations and up to 1,600 deaths in the province.

Influenza virus spreads mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing. People can become infected by touching objects or surfaces with flu viruses on them and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose. Flu symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches and extreme weakness and fatigue.

Getting the flu shot every year continues to be the best way to protect yourself from the flu, McCarey says, and this



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— Linda McCarey

year's vaccines protect against the H1N1 and H3N2 influenza A viruses, and one or two influenza B strains.

To further stop the spread of flu, the health unit recommends people wash their hands thoroughly and often, sneeze and cough into their sleeves, and stay home from work and holiday parties if they are sick. Eating well, getting sufficient sleep and being physically active on a regular basis also helps keep the body's immune system strong.

"Don't spread the flu this holiday season," McCarey says. "That is one gift your family and friends definitely do not want to receive."

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HCPL's Junior Book of the Month

The Crocodile under the Bed by Judith Kerr

It's bad enough that Matty is sick, and worse that he's missing a big party for the Queen's birthday. As all his family go out to play, he worries about who will get him a glass of water if he needs it (Grandpa will see to it); if he needs to go to the loo (Grandpa will see to it); or if there's a giant green crocodile under the bed (Grandpa will see to it). Once his family has left for good times and cake, Grandpa falls fast asleep and a voice from under the bed asks:

"Want to go to a party?"

The Crocodile Under the Bed by Judith Kerr is an imaginative tale about a young boy and the crocodile under his bed who saves the day. *The Crocodile Under the Bed* by Judith Kerr is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

December is Food 4 Fines month! If you have fines for overdue items, drop off a non-perishable food item or Superbucks and have them waived. All donations go to Haliburton County Food Banks and HHHS Community Support Services.

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Christmas traditions continue to thrill

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper 754-2278

West Guilford Baptist Church arranged the Christmas dinner on Dec. 6 at the Community Centre. The idea was popular as evidenced by the sold-out crowd in attendance. Hats off to the participants at the Abbey Gardens on Nov. 29 who made over 800 shortbread cookies under the leadership of Lee MacLean. These goodies will be part of the County's Meals on Wheels which supports many in the

county. Quite belated but sincere good wishes to Jaquie and Ken Barry as they begin their married life farm bought from Ken Schraeder. Congratulations to the bride and groom from the community. Julie Barban dance instructor of Heritage Ballet produces *The Nutcracker* ballet every year about this time. Beautiful costumes, enchanting scenes and above all graceful dancing make the show worth seeing year after year. Dancers learn and grow and leave, but new one come along who prove just as delightful and exquisite in their roles as former students. From our locale we applaud these we know:

Rebecca Kidd who danced The Snow Queen this year, Kevin and Carrie's boys, Dalton and Matthew, Kelly, Chris Harrison's daughter, Kendall, and Sarah Mel, daughter of Nicole and Richard Mel, also Bruce and Shirley's granddaughter Jayla Bird. It's so much fun to watch the tiny dancers, so earnest and amusing, as well as admire the expertise of the senior students. Well done, all!

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Santa to visit Wilberforce this Sunday

Wilberforce


Hilda Clark 448-2018

The annual Christmas Open House at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House is this Thursday both

afternoon and evening. That's Dec. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join in honoring Christmas beside a natural spruce tree decorated mostly with handmade and old time ornaments and with cedar boughs spreading their fragrance. Enjoy a sweet along with hot apple cider, tea or coffee as old stories and verses are exchanged among friends and neighbours. The annual ecumenical carol service hosted by the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday evening Dec. 7 certainly had everyone there in the Christmas spirit. Many familiar carols were on the program and a special choir presented selections such as *Long Time Ago in Bethlehem* and *The Peace Carol* with Marg Dugas on piano. The Christmas story was told in Bible readings by representatives from churches in the area. There was Wayne Rutter, Full Gospel Church, Flo Elliott and Father Ron Myer, St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, Hilda Clark, St. Margaret's Anglican and the Rev. Peter Walford-Davis from the Wilberforce United Church who joyfully led the service. A children's choir from the Full Gospel Church was in good voice and charmed listeners with several pieces. They were led by Melanie Story and accompanied by Elwood Story on guitar. A very special part of the program. A surprise visitor related the story of St. Nicholas, an early European saint who was noted for his generosity in giving gifts when most needed. The connection was made to our present day gift bringing Santa Claus. As the story unfolded the story teller David Watson gradually donned the costume of that familiar chap. Then he and his good "elf" Cheryl Cohoon made sure all the children received a bag of treasures,

By the way Santa will be here in person next Sunday, Dec. 14. He will be the star attraction in a parade that begins at the school at 12:30 noon. It ends at the Lloyd Watson hall where he will meet and chat with the children. Always lots happening that afternoon including music and food. Julie called from the Wilberforce library with several items of interest. All through December families with children can pick up a package called the Reading Rocket Ship program. It helps develop reading skills in an interesting way. Also during the Christmas vacation there will be a Kids' Kraft Time on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. Sounds like fun. And did you know if you have overdue books you can pay your fine by donating food for the food bank? The LWMC was a colourful lively place last Saturday as vendors displayed a great array of items at the W.Heritage Guild's Santa's Workshop Christmas Craft sale. It looked as though many talented "elves" had been very busy getting some wonderful creations for the sale. The guild thanks all the vendors for your efforts and hope you had a good day. The lunch menu by St. Margaret's workers seemed to be welcome and well received. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the set up Friday evening and the cleanup after the sale. You were amazing. The Rocker donkey went home with Irene for a lucky great grandchild. From the WHG table the neat bear has a home with Leora Boden and Ann Watson is enjoying the mug with cocoa (or was it coffee?). As we move through Advent toward Christmas there are still many opportunities to enjoy wonderful concerts at churches and other locations. Several from this area greatly enjoyed the Festival Singers' Christmas Concert at the Haliburton United Church last week. The talent of the singers, pianist, clarinet player and leader performing in The Stars of Christmas truly shone brightly.

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the 2015 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, the January 14, 2015 Committee meetings and the January 28, 2015 Council meeting. Budget discussions will also include a review and approval of changes to the County Tariff of Fees for 2015. The meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.



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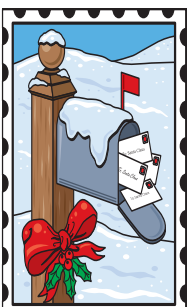
Details: The accident was caused by a large white transport truck straddling two lanes at high speeds. My wife was driving a blue Honda CRV (SUV crossover). She crashed into the ditch. She has brown hair, was wearing glasses and a black jacket.

We are seeking the witness who was an older gentleman driving a light colour older model SUV. He helped my wife immediately following the accident.

Anyone who has knowledge of the accident or was witness to the accident please call collect, Toronto 416-648-9185.

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*Sadly missed by daughter
Kathy and son-in-law Keith*



650 OBITUARIES




ROBERTSON, DAVID.

Died suddenly at his home in Toronto on November 19, 2014.

Deeply loved by his wife, Susanne (Sue) Tait Robertson and his dear daughters Christine Balch (Trevor) of Grand Valley and Nadine Moy (Ted) of Mississauga. Dear uncle to 9 nieces and nephews and beloved grandfather to nine children and one great grandchild. Cherished brother of Joan Doucet (John Mills) of Coquitlam Beach, B.C and the late Donald (Debbie) of Palgrave. Brother-in-law to Burton Tait (Judith) of Toronto and Lynda Tait Orr (Tom) of Vancouver.

A memorial gathering will take place on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Richview Baptist Church, 1548 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke, followed by visitation and refreshments. Condolences may be sent to Susanne Robertson c/o Richview Baptist Church, 1548 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke, M9R 4A3.

We will all miss him on Soyer's Lake where his favourite pastimes were to go fishing and helping with the lake's sailing races and corn roasts.



650 OBITUARIES



Jean Evelyn Hunt.

March 8 1920 – November 6 2014 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Jean died peacefully at Highland Wood in Haliburton after a brief illness. Jean was born in Gowanstown, Ontario and lived most of her life in Palmerston. She was the daughter of William Bailey and Nellie Kress. Jean was a Registered Nurse, a graduate of The Stratford School of Nursing and worked as a nurse and Director of Nursing at Palmerston and District Hospital. Jean continued to serve others well into her retirement years and was a true friend to many, especially Lorne Moore of Carescent Care, Harriston and his family (her adopted family). Jean was a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Palmerston and a member of Peace Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Palmerston. Jean was married to the late John Edgar Hunt and was beloved mother of Lynne Johnston of Haliburton, John Hunt (deceased), and Patricia Kramer (Marc) of Switzerland. Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren, Beth Robinson (Mark) of Leesburg, Virginia, Philip (Carol Marriott) of Minneapolis, Minnesota and David Hunt of North Bay. She leaves two great grandchildren, Jayden and Brayden Hunt.

Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at **ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 310 James Street, Palmerston, Ontario on Tuesday morning, December 23, 2014 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. If desired, donations to HHHSF - Highland Wood or the Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.
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Queenie 'Mickey' Kerswill (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Highland Wood on Thursday evening, December 4, 2014 in her 96th year. Loving mother of Carol Stewart (the late Vic) and Ronald Kerswill (predeceased November 2014). Fondly remembered by her nieces Linda Glenn (Dennis) and Susie Hamel (Paul). Queenie was more affectionately known as "the Cookie Lady" due to her love of baking.

Memorial Service

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will take place in Scarborough, Ontario in the Spring. Interment Pine Hills Cemetery, Scarborough, Ontario. If desired, donations to the Highland Wood Resident's Council would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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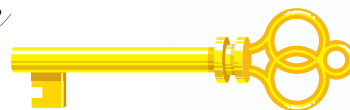


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